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INDO-FRENCH DEFENCE COOPERATION
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the third round of Indo-French strategic dialogue was held on July 29, 1999;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the main projects likely to be assisted and financed by France in the field of defence; and

(d) the extent to which this cooperation is likely to boost defence production in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): The third round of Indo-French strategic dialogue was held in New Delhi on July 28-29, 1999.Discussions during this dialogue focused on regional security issues in Asia and Europe, and Indo-French bilateral relations.

(c) & (d): Cooperation in the field of Defence between India and France has been continuing for the past several years.During various high level discussions, the two sides have indicated a strong desire to strengthen all aspects of Defence Cooperation including Defence Supplies, interaction in Defence Research & Development, Production and Training.It will not be in the interest of National Security to disclose specific details of the said cooperation.